THE M1NISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No CBI case is pending against any Addl. D.G./D.G. of Directorate General of Health Services. However, CBI cases are pending against one former DDG and one OSD (formerly DCG(I), now under suspension).

(c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Research in Ayurveda for curing modern diseases

3707. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme for research in Ayurveda for curing modern diseases like AIDS etc.;

(b) if 50, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would promote researchers for providing cheap remedies to the people with no side-effects?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. CR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha an autonomous organisation fully funded by the Government have initiated action for formulating drugs for preliminary trials.

(c) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha is engaged in research in drug development and clinical trials. Under Extra Mural Research Projects, this Department is also providing assistance to scientific organisations and laboratories to undertake research.

Popularisation of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani Systems of Medicine

3708. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government have adopted to popularize the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicine in the country;

(b) the number of colleges of each system opened, so far, in the country; and

(c) the amount spent on research and development to improve each system of medicine during the financial year 2001 -2002, system-wise?